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Navajo President Shelly Invites Everyone to the PRCA Pro Rodeo and Other Events

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly invites everyone to the Navajo Nation Fourth of July Celebration and PRCA Pro Rodeo continuing through Saturday, July 7.

“I want to invite everyone to celebrate the Fourth of July by coming to Window Rock and enjoying the festivities our offices have planned for our people. We have a fireworks display, a PRCA Pro Rodeo, a carnival and other events,” President Shelly said.

The highlight of the celebration is the return of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Pro Rodeo back to the Dean C. Jackson Memorial Rodeo Arena.

“I talked directly with PRCA Commissioner Karl Stressman to ensure that the PRCA Pro Rodeo came back to Window Rock. We were pleased to host Commissioner Stressman in this week and thank him for working with us to bring the PRCA Pro Rodeo back to the Navajo Nation,” President Shelly said.

After Thursday’s rodeo performance, the July Fourth Fireworks Extravaganza is scheduled to take place. The Fireworks Extravaganza was rescheduled for Thursday after being cancelled on Wednesday evening due to rain.

The rodeo is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and the Fireworks Extravaganza scheduled to take place at 9 p.m.



Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly (left) shakes hands with PRCA Commissioner Karl Stressman after President Shelly received a buckle from the Commissioner. First Lady Martha Shelly (center) received a purse from the Commissioner.

“I hope the people come out and see the fireworks tonight. We want families to enjoy themselves,” President Shelly said.

Navajo Nation Fair Manager Norma Brown also invites people to the celebration.

“As a result of the sudden rain, we had to postpone the Fireworks Extravaganza presented by Fire Rock Navajo Casino on July fourth, however, we have rescheduled it for tonight at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds. I want to encourage everyone to join us at our 7 p.m. PRCA Pro Rodeo presented by Ram Rodeo and Tate's Auto Group of Gallup this evening and enjoy the great fireworks we have planned here in Window Rock,” Brown said.

Other events that will continue through the weekend include a PRCA Rodeo at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 6 (Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day) as well as a Country and Western Battle of the Bands Contest at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds at 1 p.m., which will be followed by a country and western dance at 9 p.m. at Nakai Hall.

Saturday, July 7th brings a 5K and 10K fun run to begin on the north side of the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds beginning at 6 a.m.; a Sonny Jim Motorcycle Ride from Gallup to Window Rock ; and a carnival that runs through Saturday, July 7th.

Admission to the PRCA Pro Rodeo is \$10 and \$5 for senior citizens and children, 5 and under free and 60 and over receive senior discount.

For more information about these events, call the Navajo Nation Fair Office at (928) 871-6478 or the Navajo Nation Museum at (928) 871-7941. You can also visit the following webpage <http://www.navajonationfair.com> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NavajoNationFair> for more information.

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